



DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teachers' Advisory Council

Meeting Highlights

November 18, 2019, Collette Education Resource Center, 4:30pm

Welcome

Secretary of Education welcomed the thirty participants to the first of the school year's four Teachers' Advisory Council meetings and thanked them for agreeing to represent their districts and charter schools.

Introductions

After sharing a few details about herself, Dr. Bunting asked meeting participants to introduce themselves by sharing their names, district/charter, current teaching assignment, and a special fact about themselves that no one might know.

Purpose

Dr. Bunting provided background information regarding the group's origin and participants' opportunity to gain deeper knowledge about the state's educational system as well as the Council's important role in providing feedback that reflects teachers' perspectives on a variety of current issues.

Delaware State Board of Education

Acknowledging that teachers seldom have the opportunity to meet with and/or learn about what the State Board of Education actually does, this first session featured Audrey Noble, State Board of Education Vice-President, and Jenna Ahner, the State Board of Education Executive Director, who masterfully shared information regarding the State Board of Education's vision and mission, composition, range of activities and responsibilities, and goals for the year. Meeting participants engaged in deep discussion about such topics as the Board's greater engagement of the public, the most important issues that the Board should address, and how the Board can better support teachers and their work.

Updates

Dr. Bunting presented information regarding the state's growth in both student population and unit count. She also announced a few upcoming events, highlighting the Public Hearing of the Fiscal Year 2021 Education Budget scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th, at 1:00 in the Senate Chamber of Legislative Hall.

Next Meeting

The calendar of 2019-2020 meeting dates that was provided at the check-in table indicated that the next meeting would be held on January 6, 2020 at Collette beginning at 4:30.

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November 21, 2019